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1. [] only a purchasing card was needed to buy items at the cooperative association at Tak'olo (1129/0985/5012), Shap'owei (approximately N 24-28, E 118-05). Commodity prices were as follows:

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Item	Unit	Price	
		JMP	
Peanut oil	catty	5,000	25X1
Lard	do	5,000	
Sweater	each	35,000	
Cloth, coarse	yard	6,000	
Salt, coarse	catty	1,000	25X1
Salt, fishing	do	500	
Firewood	do	300	

2. [] the prices of daily necessities in Shanghai were as follows:

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Item	Unit	Price	Ration per Month
Rice, top quality	catty JMP	1,600	
Flour	do	1,800	
Salt	do	1,200	
Peanut oil	do	5,200	One catty per person
Sugar	do	7,600	Not exceeding 4 taels

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Ration per Month</u>
Cloth, indanthrene color	Chinese foot	JMP 4,000	Limited supply
Cloth, ordinary white	do	3,500	Limited supply
Firewood	catty	300	100 catties
Coal briquet	do	280	

3. The price of sugar in Shanghai had risen JMP 400 [] The price of firewood had increased JMP 300 per picul, and coal briquets had increased JMP 200 per picul. Other prices had not fluctuated []

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1. [] Comment. Other prices probably refer to the list in this report.

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